

PAXTANG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Municipal Building 3423 Derry Street
Regular Business Meeting
October 20, 2009

President Ninosky called the monthly meeting of the Paxtang Borough Council to order at 7:15 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by President Ninosky.

Roll Call was taken.

Council Members Present

Council President	John R. Ninosky Sr.
Council Vice-President	E. Denny Beaver

Council Members	Sheilah Borne-Fuller Heather LaCour Virginia Panza Deborah Seneca
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Mayor	Keldeen Stambaugh – entered at 7:22 p.m.
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Council Members Absent	John Rowe
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Borough Officials

Borough Manager-Chief	Kenneth Beard
Borough Engineer	W. Max Shradley
Borough Solicitor	J. Stephen Feinour
Fire Chief	Todd Zwigart

President Ninosky suspended the order of business to allow Swatara Township Police Chief David Bogdanovic to present Officer Jay Barrick with a Letter of Commendation. Chief Bogdanovic also presented Officer Patrick Corkle with a Letter of Commendation and a Team Achievement Award. Chief Bogdanovic expressed his gratitude to Council for allowing Paxtang Officers to assist Swatara Township Police when called upon.

MINUTES

*1) Vice-President Beaver made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes from the Regular Business Meeting of September 15, 2009 and to approve the same. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Panza. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

*2) Vice-President Beaver made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report for the month of September, and to approve the same. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Panza. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

Chief Zwigart referred Council to his written report on the activities for the Fire Company and Fire Police for the month of September, 2009 and offered a verbal explanation as well. Chief Zwigart and Fire Fighter Troy Snodgrass met with representatives of Susquehanna Township Ambulance Company No. 9 to develop response by the Paxtang Fire Company to Class One (1) EMS calls in the Borough. Paxtang will also offer assistance with Class Two (2) and Class Three (3) calls if Susquehanna is unable to respond. President Ninosky asked Chief Zwigart if he would need any additional equipment in order to assist with the EMS calls. Chief Zwigart stated he does not need any additional equipment.

Mayor Stambaugh entered at this time – 7:22 p.m.

REPORT OF THE MANAGER

Seminars: Information on future seminars was sent to Council members prior to the Regular Business Meeting. Council was afforded the opportunity for questions or comments.

Election Day: Manager Beard reminded the audience that the General Election would be held on Tuesday, November 3rd.

Halloween: The Paxtang Lions Club Halloween Parade will take place on Tuesday, October 27th. Manager Beard asked Council to consider a motion to officially sanction this event.

*3) Vice-President Beaver made a motion to sanction the Halloween parade. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Panza. Motion carried.

Trick or Treat: Manager Beard stated Trick-or-Treat will take place on Thursday, October 29th, and asked Council to consider a motion to officially sanction this event.

*4) Vice-President Beaver made a motion to sanction Trick-or-Treat Night. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Panza. Motion carried.

Road Closure: Manager Beard received a letter from Mike and Kelly Barton of 316 Wilhelm Road requesting the closure of Cherry Alley between Sharon and Montour in order to hold a block party on Thursday, October 29th. Manager Beard asked Council to consider a motion authorizing the road closure.

*5) Vice-President Beaver made a motion authorizing the request for the road closure. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Panza. Motion carried.

RFP: Manager Beard received six (6) proposals regarding the RFP for professional services for the Borough Zoning Ordinance Map. Manager Beard suggested a committee that includes the Borough Solicitor, the Borough Codes Officer, two members of Council, and the Manager be established for the purpose of evaluating the proposals as presented. Councilwoman Seneca and Vice-President Beaver expressed an interest in participating on this committee. President Ninosky designated Councilwoman Seneca and Vice-President Beaver to serve on the committee with Manager Beard, the Borough Solicitor, and the Borough Codes Officer.

Lower Field Fence: Manager Beard informed Council that the fence has now been installed at the Lower Field at a cost under \$250.00. Documentation on this matter can be found on page 375 of the 2009 Minute Book.

Saussaman Park: Manager Beard has been in contact with the Swatara Youth Soccer Association regarding their obligation to be more diligent in securing the restroom facilities. Manager Beard stated the Association is working towards a positive solution regarding this matter and will address the possibility of reimbursing the Borough for costs incurred for replacing a damaged lavatory at Saussaman Park. Documentation on this matter can be found on pages 386 and 387 of the 2009 Minute Book.

Recycling Containers: Manager Beard informed Council that Waste Management has recycling containers available as follows: 22 gallon containers at a cost of \$9.90 and 30-gallon containers at a cost of \$16.00. "Recycle" stickers are also available for residents wishing to use a container of their choice. President Ninosky suggested ordering 100 30-gallon containers and offer residents the option of upgrading to the larger recycling bin, keep their existing container, or obtaining a "recycling" sticker for use on a receptacle of their choice.

*6) Vice-President Beaver made a motion to purchase 100 30-gallon containers and to make a request for "recycle" stickers. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Panza. Motion carried.

Storm Damage: Manager Beard has received a request from Ms. Betty Ebaugh of 102 Park Terrace stating that during a recent wind storm a branch from a Borough Shade Tree fell onto her property at 106 Park Terrace causing damage to a handrail. Ms. Ebaugh is requesting the Borough repair or replace the damaged handrail. Ms. Ebaugh mentioned that she was pleased that the Public Works employees cleared the area of the debris in such timely manner. President Ninosky questioned Manager Beard as to the health of the tree to which Manager Beard replied that he believes the tree does not exhibit any health issues. President

Ninosky feels this was an “Act of God” and suggested advising Ms. Ebaugh that the Borough would be declining her request as stated.

*7) Councilwoman Borne Fuller made a motion for the Borough Manager to advise the resident that the Borough is not accepting responsibility to repair the handrail at the resident’s property. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Panza. Motion carried.

Town Meeting: Manager Beard stated that a Town Meeting was held on Thursday, October 15th. Discussions were held regarding the 2010 Budget, the Verizon Franchise Agreement negotiations, and the MS4 permit requirements.

Local Businesses: Manager Beard informed Council that the Best Wok Restaurant is under new management and is now open for business. Best Wok will offer take out as well as sit down dinners. The Paxtang Diner is also under new management and will be closed for approximately one month in order for renovations to take place.

Emergency Radios: EMA, Fire, and Police are now in possession of new emergency radios issued by the County. It will be the responsibility of the Borough to provide insurance and maintenance on the radios.

Police Report: Chief Beard referred Council to the written report regarding police activity for the month of September and offered a verbal explanation as well.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Since Mr. Murvin Grunden was not present at this evenings meeting, no reports were available for the Paxtang Historical Society, Citizens Advisory Committee or Fire Police.

Mr. Luke Schrader of 3200 Derry Street requested Council consider the installation of a streetlight on existing poles at 32nd and Apple Streets, or Apple Street and Queen Street. Mr. Schrader is of the opinion that the streetlights would provide residents with a sense of well being and invited Council to visit these areas late in the evening to observe the situation first hand. President Ninosky commended Mr. Schrader for bringing his concerns to the attention of Council. Vice-President Beaver asked the Borough Manager to evaluate the situation. Manager Beard noted the cost for electricity would be approximately \$10.00 to \$18.00 per month for a single streetlight. Manager Beard mentioned that illuminating an alleyway could possibly cause a disruption in the sleep pattern for residents that have a house with bedrooms facing the alley due to the fact light would be shining directly into their windows.

Ms. Wendy Baker of 3214 Derry Street stated her garage is equipped with a light fixture that helps illuminate the alley. While Ms. Baker voiced her concerns for the safety of the community, she also expressed her gratitude to the Police Department for patrolling the area.

President Ninosky made a request that the Borough Manager obtain quotes from PPL, evaluate the area, and offer a possible solution that would provide light for the alley without inconveniencing residents.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR - Mayor Stambaugh has been in contact with a resident inquiring about getting involved in a Countywide Pro Justice Program. Mayor Stambaugh is waiting to receive more information in order to have a better understanding of what the program has to offer.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR – No Report

REPORT OF CODES ENFORCEMENT – Codes Enforcement Officer Ed Wenger referred Council to his written report for the month of September and offered a verbal explanation as well.

REPORT OF THE ENGINEER – Engineer Shradley anticipates the State announcing a decision sometime in November regarding the DCNR grant and the relocation of the Capital Area Greenbelt and renovation of playground equipment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration- Vice-President Beaver reported that a proposed Budget outline was presented at the October 15th Town Meeting. Vice-President Beaver indicated he would have the 2010 Budget ready for the First Reading at the Regular Business Meeting On November 17, 2009.

Highway – No Report

Property and Recreation – No Report

Public Safety – No Report

Public Relations – No Report

Health and Sanitation – No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – No Report

NEW BUSINESS – No Report

COMMUNICATIONS

Manager Beard presented the following communications:

- A communication from Mr. Whitley Simmons of 2904 Brisban Street dated September 22nd regarding the trash at Town and Country Day School located at 2910 Brisban Street.
- A communication from Mr. Steven Ketterer former Tax Enforcement Administrator with the City of Harrisburg dated September 29th offering his services to collect the mercantile and business taxes for the Borough.
- A communication from Ms. Missy Schrader of 3200 Derry Street dated September 30th requesting an emergency town meeting to discuss the recent break ins within the Borough and the need for a street light at the corner of 32nd Street and Apple Ally.
- A communication from Mike and Kelly Barton of 316 Wilhelm Road dated September 29th requesting a road closure for a Block Party on October 29th.
- A communication from Mr. Luke Schrader of 3200 Derry Street dated October 1st, inquiring as to why he was not granted gratis use of the gym for a fundraiser when the Borough Health Officer was given permission to use the gym at no charge in order to conduct a business meeting in January of 2008.
- A communication from Jay and Wendy Baker of 3214 Derry Street dated October 1st regarding the distribution of crime watch notices recently placed on the windshields of vehicles in the 3200 block of Derry Street. Ms. Baker stated that while very few residents actually received the notices as most residents in the 3200 block of Derry Street park their cars in garages and the elderly do not drive, she was grateful that she received the information.
- A communication from the Visiting Nurses Association located at 3315 Derry Street dated October 7th, an invitation to the Crossings Hospice memorial service and time of remembering on Saturday, November 7th, 11:00 a.m. at the Tree of Life Lutheran Church in Linglestown.
- An anonymous communication on October 7th requesting the Paxtang Post be delivered in a timely manner as many of the events listed in the newsletter had already taken place by the time they received the Post.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS

*8) Councilwoman LaCour made a motion to pay the bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Panza. Mayor Stambaugh asked if the communications have all been addressed. Manager Beard indicated he has responded to those communications requiring a reply. Councilwoman Borne Fuller asked for clarification regarding Mr. Schrader's request for use of the gymnasium. Mayor Stambaugh explained that Ms. Yeager, the Borough Health Officer, requested use of the Borough facility in order to conduct a business meeting

with representatives from other local Government municipalities. Mr. Schrader informed Council that his request was for the gymnasium to be used by a non-profit organization. Manager Beard stated Mr. Schrader was presented with some obstacles in that he was unable to secure a Small Games of Chance permit and could not find a sponsor willing to provide insurance for the event. Because of these conditions, it was the desire of Council not to grant Mr. Schrader use of the gymnasium as he had requested. After discussion on this matter, motion to pay the bills was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

*9) Vice-President Beaver made a motion to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Borne Fuller. Motion carried. At 8:02 p.m., President Ninosky adjourned the Regular Business Meeting.

Secretary

1. Minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Halloween Parade – October 27th
4. Trick or Treat – October 29th
5. Road Closure – Michael Barton
6. Order Recycle Containers
7. Betty Ebaugh – Storm Damage
8. Pay The Bills
9. Adjourn